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ATED CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTERS : No.: H 3329 PCT/US

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002 ("Paper No. 8"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including January 2, 2003, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

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01 FC:1252 410.00 CH Claims 11-24 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Restriction Requirement

As set forth in Paper No. 8, the Examiner has required a restriction in the instant application between the following inventions: claims 11-13 (Group I), allegedly drawn to methods of manufacturing acrylic acid, allegedly classified in Class 562, Subclass 554; and claims 14-18 (Group II), allegedly drawn to sodium and potassium catalysts, allegedly classified in Class 502, Subclass 170. The Office Action Summary indicates that all pending claims, 11-24, are subject to restriction, yet only claims 11-18 are specifically mentioned by the Examiner

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